

The JUG

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NO APRIL
MEETING

President's Report
Steve Thomas N6ST

Steve Sez



First up, be sure to note there will be no NCCC meeting in April because our normal meeting night falls on the opening night of the International DX Convention in Visalia. At the May meeting will be election of officers for the coming year. I plan for the May meeting to be at Hewlett-Packard in Santa Clara. If you want to be involved in setting the direction for the club, now would be a good time to make your willingness to serve known. Contact any officer or director.

Usually nominations are taken at the April meeting. But with no April meeting, this year, the nominees are herewith published in the JUG, (see right). Election as usual at May meeting. Nominations can still be taken from the floor. If you know someone who you think would do a good job as an officer or director, feel free to twist their arm. While you are twisting their arm, watch your own arm, it might be being twisted too!

Those who attended had a grand time at the Annual Awards Banquet at the Pleasanton Hotel. Words and pictures elsewhere in JUG. I want to thank Bruce Butler, W6OSP, who provided the wine for our CQP wine awards and Jim Hollenback, WA6SDM, for creating the customized labels for the wine bottles.

Thanks also to Bruce Sawyer, AA6KX, for handling the money and tickets for the event and to Al Maenchen, AD6E, Andy Faber, AE6Y, and Bob Wilson, N6TV, and Jim Hollenback for meeting on Saturday morning before the banquet to get all the awards in order for smooth presentation.

Ed Muns, W0YK, deserves special mention. He had to be out of town on business during the weeks before the banquet. He nonetheless made sure the certificates were completed on time, Federal Expressed them to us, and worked with our usually reliable awards engraver by remote control when they had mislaid our plaque order. Thanks also to AD6E for picking up the plaques from the engraver and sitting there while they finished on Friday night.

If you have an award coming, they will be available in Visalia. After that they will be shipped out to the deserving. Mark calendars for May meeting now!

All Systems Go--On to Visalia

The April Skip Factor

Visalia won out. NCCC will not have a n April meeting this year. But we'll be right on in May for election of officers and catch up. Details, map, on page 2.

Next Meeting May 20

Hewlett Packard Santa Clara

Pizza: 6:30 Meeting and Election of Officers and Program: 7:30

Next Meeting , May 20th

Election of Officers

The NCCC BOD presents for your consideration the following slate of candidates for 1994 NCCC officers. Election will be held at our next meeting, May 20th, (next being May, being as how we all skipped off to Visalia in April.)

The nominees are:

President: Bruce Sawyer, ex AA6KX,
hereinafter, ZF8BS

V P/CntsChr: Bob Wolbert, N6IP

Sec/Treas: Dick Dievendorff, AA6MC

Directors: Al Maenchen, AD6E

Bob Wilson, N6TV

Dave Leeson, W6QHS

and running unopposed for

Past Pres: Steve Thomas, N6ST

In addition to this slate, nominations from the floor will be accepted, as per our bylaws. TV Bob headed the committee to recommend the above candidates and the board expresses thanks to him and to the nominees for their willingness to serve.

APPROACHING CONTESTS

de AE6Y

All in QST, April, p. 114, except as noted

April

23-24 Helvetia Contest

23-24 SP DX RTTY

May

7-8 ARI DX

14-15 CQ-M (Peace to the world)

28-29 CQ WORLD WIDE

WPX CW, ***

Jan CQ,

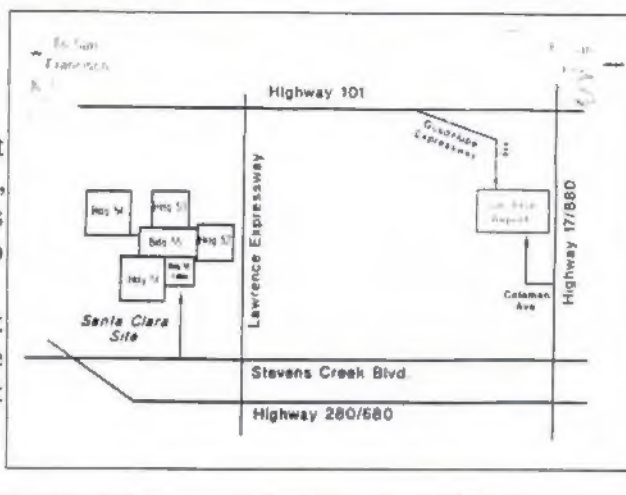
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Directions and Map Meeting, May 20

From North on 280, exit at Stevens Creek Blvd., turning left onto Stevens Creek, and left at first stop light.

From South on 280, exit Lawrence Expressway, take middle lane and make left turn onto Stevens Creek..



de W6ISQ

Getting Ready for the Big One

SWEEPSTAKES is only about seven months away. A long way say you? Not. Consider this. In 1992 NCCC won SS with 91 logs and 9.1 milliyun points. Yankee Clipper Contest Club was second with 52 logs and the huge Frankort Radio Club was third with 70 logs. Both those clubs have more members than NCCC. We won because we turned out more stations. Right. But for how long? Those clubs, plus the mighty PVRC, are after US, and the first two can whip us if they get half their members on the air! We're gonna hafta work hard and harder.

A couple of ideas have been rumbling around in the editor side of my head and I'm going to run 'em by you, not just for consideration, but for action. Maybe we can pool ideas, technology, experience that has worked well. Formulate a strategy to hold the top spot. That means we want to hear from you--and you too.

First step. Begin thinking of improvements in our stations, operating techniques, plans, etc. Take the next few months to get your station and rig in peak condition. Check out all the gadgets and be sure they put out to the max. Get used to the new stuff you're going to use. Surprises during the contest are not usually fun.

Second, the VP/Contest Chairman, appoints himself, or someone else, or both, to be Coordinator of SS Affairs. Why just SS? Because it's the contest we have the best chance of winning for the next several years. The coordinator can arrange talks at meetings, short articles in the JUG, and act as a source for tips and ideas.

Much of what can be said for SS applies to DX and other contests as well. From a membership like ours, we ought to be able to create a handbook of info for

contest operators.

For those who don't read every portentous word of the JUG, we're looking to you, Big and Small Gun alike, for information, how you do your contest thing. We'll publish it. The pay ain't great, but we guarantee you'll be read, and even argued with!

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONTEST CLUB

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News 'n Views

Bulletin Board

✓ **Traveling on.** The publisher of this journal and I are going to take a small respite from this kind California clime and journey to the edge of the continent back east. Well, there won't be a meeting in April, so that's a good time for us to be gone.

✓ **Be There.** From what we hear there's going to be a big contingent of us at Visalia. We recommend the lively Contest Forum and the ARRL and DX Forums as musts. Also, we hope to bring along the NCDXF DXCC ROCK collection.

✓ **Sea Story.** Which brings to mind a particular contribution to that collection, brought back by W6OAT from one of his more rigorously adventurous DXpeditions on the high seas to Clipperton Island. In spite of hazardous conditions, including a gazillion crabs, Rusty true to his promise managed to find a "rock" and presented it to the collection. The Rock Curator, not a little curious, called in a geologist friend who took one look, got out his blowtorch and set it afire! Yeah, Rusty brought back a piece of coal! which even as we write, sits warmly in its cubicle. It has been identified as having come from a very old coal dump that was once on the island.

✓ **Opportunity.** We're looking for technical and "how-to" articles about contesting for the JUG. The pay ain't much, but the attention is great. We guarantee you'll be read, and probably even argued with! All letters to the ed and rebuttals printed gratis. We also like stories of Contexpeditions. With all the talented NCCC operators out there we ought to be able to publish a hand-book on contesting.

✓ **Be Counted.** Next meeting is in May, the 20th. It's our election meeting so it counts for you to be there!

FABER'S FILLER

WPX phone's my favorite contest of the year (next to CQP), reasons given in last column, and also because I feel in demand (there being only 26 of us AE6's, and only a few who contest).



ARRL DX CONTEST PHONE

I spent about 20 hours on in the ARRL SSB DX contest. Some random thought

a) The effect of worse conditions can be seen by comparing my score this year with the '92 ARRL CW contest. This year, I got 669 Q's and 175 multipliers. In '92, with fabulous conditions, I got 862 Q's and 224 mults (without packet), using only an R5 vertical and a 20'-high 40m dipole (before my neighbors and I discovered Force 12, hi). Main difference was no Eu opening on 10, and condx not quite good enough for me to run Eu's on 15 or 20. Result, missed a lot of countries with low-power guys who answer East Coast but don't CQ themselves. Compare mults in 1992 on 10-15-20 of 72, 55, 53 with '94 of 25, 69, 42.

b) It was a pleasure to listen to the nonsense operating style of Dave, W6QHS, and Carl, AI6V, at P40V. They must subscribe to the N6TV theory of no wasted words, just send your call and wait for the next one, hi.

c) Very frustrating that so many South American ops will send "QRZ" over and over as long as people keep calling, without giving their calls. It doesn't affect their rates, but the rest of us waste a lot of time listening for ID.

d) I got a good JA run Friday and Saturday. JA's are terrific operators. They repeat just the proper parts of their calls, don't call out of turn, and vary the phonetics if necessary. Got called by a couple of fledgeling BV's and BY's who were much less slick. One BY kept giving me "59 24" as the report. I tried to explain I needed their power, not their zone, but finally gave up and wrote

down 24 as the power (maybe it was—others continued the tradition of strange power levels, such as 249, 90, and 111).

e) The strangest thing I heard was in the PY0FM pileup on 15 meters on Saturday. He was calling for "last letter ocean only", and a K8 kept QRM'ing with his call. The PY0 acknowledged the K8, but insisted he was calling for ocean only. The K8 then said, "OK, K8—. I'm near the ocean in Florida." When another station asked him to stop wasting the PY0's time, the K8 replied that the PY0 was wasting his time, he'd been calling for 15 minutes, the PY0 has an attitude problem, etc., etc. In desperation, the PY0 worked the K8, giving him a "50" instead of "59" report—and hopefully didn't put him in the log.

f) The only other intentional bad manners I heard was a South American who came right on top of PR0R on 15 and kept telling him to stop transmitting and adjust his xmtr, because he was spluttering all over the band and ruining it for all of South America. This went on for several minutes in Spanish and English, and may have kept up for hours for all I know (I left after digging the PR0R out from under this guy). I didn't hear any such splatter on PR0R, though some dx stations had their processors so badly adjusted as to be almost unreadable.

g) The new (used) Ten-Tec Titan is a great improvement over the old Henry 2KD: runs cooler, easier to tune and band-change, and the peak reading bar graph much more comforting than a meter that reads the low average of SSB output.

h) While we may suffer from not having easy access to Europe as the East Coast, at least everyone recognizes the state name "California" without repeats (if coupled to a "6" call sign), unlike guys who have to give states over and over.

Here's a poem about that.

CALIFORNIANS' REVENGE
WE SAY TO YOU DX, "CALIFORNIA"
ONE TIME, SO WE KNOW WE AIN'T BORIN' YA.
NO NEED TO SPELL IT
JUST SIT BACK AND YELL IT
ONLY ONCE: "59 CALIFORNIA!"

SCORES ARRL DX CW CONTEST

(SO=Single op, S/A=Single-op assisted)

Call	QSO's	Mult	Score	Class
W6EEN	1634	240	1,176,480	SO
(KA6SAR OP)				
N6DA	549	196	321,636	S/A
W6BIP	298	156	139,464	SO
WA6BXH/7	102	53	16,218	S/A-LP
WA8LLY/6	93	57	15,903	S/A-LP

ARRL DX PHONE CONTEST

(SO=Single op, S/A=Single-op assisted)

Call	QSO's	Mult	Score	Class
WC6H(NU6S)2151	264		1.7M	SO
AE6Y 669		175	351,225	S/A
K6KM(WM2C)868	102		264,690	SO, 20M
W6BIP	430	202	260,580	S/A
NI6T	406	167	202,404	S/A
AA6KX	319	135	129,195	SO
WA8LLY/6	200	114	68,400	S/A-LP
KJ6GQ	209	48	29,520	SO-10M
W6ISQ	185	47	26,085	
AE0M	119	41	14,637	SO-LP
AG6D(N4TQO)117	40		14,040	40M
KA6ING	55	34	5,610	S/A
N2ALE	56	25	4,200	S/A
P40V	9625	342	9.87M	M/S

(W6QHS)

(EARLY)CQ WPX PH CONTEST

(SO=Single op, S/A=Single-op assisted)

Call	QSO's	Mult	Score	Class
WN4KKN	3071	792	6,000,000	SO
(AT W6QHS)				
KI3V/7	1518	627	2,018,940	SO
WM2C	1525	628	1,570,628	SO-20
(AT K6KM)				
AE6Y	1439	605	1,345,520	SO
W6BSY	808	420	533,400	SO-15
WB6MZQ	635	368	462,208	SO-15
N6IP	382	216	201,528	SO
WA6SDM	300	229	161,219	S/A
KM6OH	209	180	88,020	SO
NP4IW	276	??	67,600	20-LP
KA6ING	95	84	16,800	S/A-10
AD6E	2064	715	2,782,780	M/M

(+AA6MC, KD6WKX)

CQ 160M SSB CONTEST

N2ALE	20	6	240	SO
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CQ 160M CW CONTEST

W6BIP	234	55	35,200	SO
NI6T	29	10+22	2,992	SO

ARRL VHF SWEEPSTAKES

N2ALE	5	2	10	Mixed
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Send all scores to me by DXPSN packet, internet to AE6Y@aol.com or by mail addressed:

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73 and KB, Andy, AE6Y

de KM6OH

The Tale of A CQP Princess

1992.

I decided that a great father/son/daughter outing would be to take Robert and Tina (KD6MYG) up to Alpine county to run the contest. The forest service would not let us use Leviathan peak (top of Monitor pass) but assured me on the phone that "there are spots to camp all around up there". He lied. We literally dug, yes, as in shovels, a campsite out of the east side of the mountain.

Saturday morning, the contest started, I was rolling through the Q's quickly, then I made the first mistake. I tacked a \$20 bill to the tent wall and said "he or she with most Q's gets the loot. After about an hour and 100 plus Q's the coffee I had consumed caught up with me. Tina said she would fill in while I was indisposed mistake number 2 ... big mistake!.. I came back after a few minutes to take over and was told to "take a hike". I figured she'd tire of contesting quickly so sat outside, read and sulked.

After a few hours I realized drastic measures were called for so I tried pushing her out of the chair, but she kept keying the mike and yelling for help, so I gave up. I thought I had her when I refused to refill the generator, She got Robert to do it for her (conspiracy). Well at midnight she finally turned it over to me, the bands had all caved in.

I laid awake in my sleeping bag plotting, I would get up real early, claim the operating position while they were still asleep, dig in and refuse to move, after all I'm bigger than they are. About 3Am I woke up with a start, it was Tina sneaking out of the sleeping tent, she moved her sleeping bag into the operating tent and bedded down there. Great minds think alike, but young minds are more devious.

Well she finished the contest out, beat the all time high score and took the \$20. But we were multi op and the score didn't count towards the record so

1993

Last year Tina decided that it would be a great daughter/father outing to take me to Alpine county for the Cal Qso party. We left Thursday at noon. Somewhere outside of Stockton, a C.H.P. noticed that my truck's registration had expired and was kind enough to remind me of it and even gave me a little note to carry with me so I wouldn't forget.

We rolled into our old campsite at about 9pm. We found that the spot we had dug the year prior for the operations tent was too small for the new tent so we dug in the dark for about 2 hours making a bigger level spot. Friday was spent assembling the A3S, running wires for 40 and 80 and setting up the gear.

Once the contest started, I was demoted to gofer and support crew and caught up on my reading and sunburn. She nailed down the record for Alpine, this time single op.

Sunday morning before daybreak I woke up with a need to water the scrubs. I heard something moving next to the tent and as I got up to exit the tent, whatever it was, ran off in a big hurry. I woke up around daybreak and the CQP princess was still sawing logs, so I decided to check for tracks and see what had been lurking around. I found mule deer tracks (no big deal). Then I found mountain lion tracks (real big deal), which I followed back to the tent. Evidently when I decided to take a walk in the middle of the night, the mountain lion was stalking the deer and was standing just outside the tent flap!

The break down and return Sunday was uneventful. Well sorta. The roof rack on the truck decided to let go. I locked the car keys in the bathroom at Hams station (took an hour to figure out where they had gone). And the electrical system in the truck went haywire. All in all a great contest experience and I can hardly wait to see where Tina drags me off to in 94.



Smile--You're, Yes You, Are on Candid Camera

Those stunning visages, smiling,, surprised, or something else, on pages 5 and 6 are Who was There, and Who Was Honored at our outstanding Awards Banquet, March 19. Yep, everyone, was photographed and herein recorded

If we missed anyone, show us your ticket stub and we'll give you a Dub .

All photos taken by Ed., ISQ.
Note from assist. ed: That's why they all got in!

Awards Banquet Poem de Andy, AE6Y

We compete, but now let's move
forwards,

For tonight, let's all sheath our
swords.

And applaud with our cheers
All the blood, sweat and tears
That earn us our annual awards.





Last Meeting

de W6ISQ

We had a real classy affair the night of March 21, at the Pleasanton Hotel to celebrate our notable achievements of the past year and reward those who done good. Plaques, vino, engraved wine glasses, hats, certificates, you could hardly count 'em all. But in case you missed it, they're all listed on this page to the right, thanks to Andy, AE6Y.

Of special note: 21 operators made "SS KB-1000". Now that's pretty good going, but I wonder how many of us could have pushed a little harder or worked a little longer and made KB-2000. Now there is a challenge for you for the 1994 SS. It may be quite a bit tougher this time around because conditions on ten meters, which is ususally great, seems to be petering out for a few years from now on. However, what say-- everyone who made KB-1000 try for KB-2000. Those who didn't make KB-1000, make it next time. Regardless, it's always great to challenge yourself and what better way than to do better this SS than last. I am presuming, natch, that we are going to make another concerted run at the SS Champeenship gain this year. Conditions don't promise to be any better and it will be tough to challenge the east coast in DX in another several years.

Hey, guess who was included in the "Still At It Award" given out to W6BIP, W6BSY, AG6D, W6FSJ. Yeah, ascertain editor. Now that's good company to be in. But we were all pleased when Awarder TV BOB included a tad of clarification in the presentation. He announced loud and clear, the Still At It Award, is to honor longevity in **contesting**. We all started as mere babes, you understand. That's how we have racked up so many years behind the key, not for other reasons somebody might be tempted to think if we all didn't look so youthful. I want to nominate another long-time contestor who's got to be added to the bunch-- Bud Bane, W6WB.

The Awards and Who Got 'Em

Here's who won what, and for what reasons. The committee comprised, N6ST, N6TV, and AE6Y. They did outstanding work in assessing a mass of information and presenting awards and awardees that pleased all. Without a doubt, the Award Banquets are a highlight of our Club's excellent meetings, evidencing good fellowship and regard for all, as well as a great night on the town.

SS Big Gun: W1FEA, Jack Morgan

a. Highest combined scores from club territory with antennas larger than Trihander and wire antennas (to put it mildly, in Jack's case).

b. 241k phone, 170k cw and 2 sweeps

c. 411,340 combined points, just beating AA6KX (hut Jack did it low power both modes).

SS Little Gun:

AA6KX, Bruce Sawyer

a. Highest combined score from club territory using antennas not exceeding trihander and wire antennas. Bruce is only allowed 30' tribander by City of Saratoga

b. 402,556 combined points. 234k ph and 168k cw, with 2 sweeps

Most Improved:

AA6KX Bruce Sawyer

a. Improved SS scores from already very good ones last year (over 400k combined points)

b. Major operation from Cayman Islands in ARRL DX Contest and purchase of site there for future use

c. ZF8BS: most improved QSL card. 4216 x 316 = 4M points.

Rookie of the Year:

K2MM, John Zapisek

a. Awarded for high levels of activity and enthusiasm during rookie year

b. Hacker's hacker in the best, positive sense of the term

c. Compiled prefix lists for CT users

d. Internet sprint software for log checking

e. Substantial contributor to club scores in contests: 160k, sweep in SS CW, part of K7YNO M/S in CQ WW PH, 1.7M, of AG6D MM in CQWW CW at 3.3M

Contester of the Year:

AD6E, Al Maenchen

a. Awarded for long hours of service to NCCC.

b. Stewardship of 5 Meg awards

c. Did all the CQP publicity and letters

d. Designing/arranging for production, and mailing, and getting substantial donations for CQP wineglasses

e. Substantial contributor to club scores in contests: 87K and a sweep in SS Phone, 159k M/S county expedition to Glenn in CQP

Gorcha Award:

W6QHS, Dave Leeson

a. For the KM9P snafu, inadvertently disqualifying his possibly second-place SS Phone score in the country from counting for NCCC by having a guest operator from out of the club territory.

Still at it Awards: W6BIP, W6ISQ, W6BSY, AG6D, W6FSJ

For continued excellence in contesting over a very long span of activity.

At the Still Award:

Flip side of the Still at it Awards

N6BT, Tom Schiller

For being too busy with force 6 to operate in contests

SS KB-1000 Awards:

W6BSY, KI6CG, KJ6DL, WR6R, W6BIP, AE6Y, W6ISQ, N6TV, AA6MC, N1EE, W6OAT, W6RGG, W6QHS, N6RO, WM2C, AA6WJ, K2MM, K6PJY, N6ZB, N6IP, N3AHA

SS KB-2000 Awards:

KI3V, WC6H, W1FEA, AA6KX, NCCC Team Hats:

N3AHA, W6BIP, W6BSY, KJ6DL, W1FEA, N6IP, W6ISQ, AA6KX, WA8LLY, AA6MC, K2MM, W6OAT, WA6SDM, N6TV, N6WFK, AE6Y, N6ZB. added 3/94: k6BPB.

Hat Awards:

W6OSP for supplying CQP wine

VY1JA for participation in CQP and for 1000 combined Q's, with 150 each in CQP, SSCW and SSPH.

Looking Ahead

DAYTON, one of the unique phenomenon of Amateur Radio is coming up next, in just a few weeks. Someone always asks "What's the Big Deal about Dayton? Why does everybody talk about it and want to go? What's it like?" Hard to explain.

Some time ago, however, I stumbled onto a source that carries the answers to all those such questions, plus an account of it that's almost as good as being there. The article I'm referring to is from *Scuttlebutt*, the Yankee Clipper Contest Club newsletter, New England, USA.

Doug Grant K1DG, writes therein annually, an account of what it was like, fully capturing the color and spirit of the Dayton phenomenon. Sort of a once-yearly installment of Ham Adventure to OZ, both humorous and informative. He includes names and comments, all the Biggies who attend, including some of our own.

Doug's lately woven a mystery in his report. Here's an excerpt from the YCCC *Scuttlebutt* of June 1993. Read on.

"And then there are the two guys. I got to the gate for the Dayton-Philadelphia-Boston flight, and noticed one of the two guys at the gate. You know the two guys I mean—they're at Dayton every year, and I always see them there together. There's the skinny blond guy and the tall dark haired guy. I don't know their calls, but I think they're VHFers. You know the kind I mean—they can recite from memory all the specs of the entire list of Motorola VHF/UHF product lines (Motrac, Mocom, Motrin, Motown, Modoki...)

Last year the big guy wasn't there. He wasn't there again this year, but the blond guy was, and he had a bunch of his VHF buddies with him. He was showing off the new dc-to-light handheld receiver he bought, and tuning in various strangely-modulated signals running around the airport. VHF guys do that sort of thing.

I thought about asking him what happened to the big guy. Then it occurred to me that the skinny guy probably writes a Dayton article for some VHF newsletter, and probably always mentions 'those two guys that HE always sees traveling together to and from Dayton (me and AR)'. And this year, he's probably wondering what happened to the 'skinny guy'. But he didn't ask.

GQ arrived at the gate and his first question was "Those two guys here?" I pointed out the skinny guy, and GQ agreed that actually talking to the guy and learning who he is and what happened to the big guy would remove some of mysteries of life that we all need to hang on to. So I'll assume that the bug guy got a job (probably with a VHF radio magazine) and moved away and is doing just fine. And the skinny guy has plenty of other friends to hang out with. Life goes on."

Thanks YCCC. We won't be going this year, but I'll be looking forward to your great update.

Signal Calling

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Signal calling, calling CQ,
through the crashes, steady and sure,
where it's from I haven't a clue,
sounds of Morse so straight and so pure.

But then a callsign, lost in a crash,
A V and a U, then a 2—oh my.
Eighty is good! I'll now be rash.
When he signs, I'll give him a try.

Signal calling, calling CQ,
o'er the static, steady but blue,
He didn't hear me! What can I do?
Why don't my signals, like his, get through?

Signal calling, calling CQ,
buried in noise, this isn't fun,
Loud! Another is calling him too.
Now he answers the W2.

Long-winded chatter—the VU2 fades.
I wait, knowing there'll be no relief.
The sun peaks though Venetian shades.
Long paths on eighty are all too brief.

TVI TAX?

Ed's note. Here's the definitive answer to TVI problems. Reprinted from the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey CA, newsletter, the Scuttlebutt, June, 1993

TO MY NEIGHBORS NOTICE CONCERNING ALLEGED TV INTERFERENCE FROM THIS STATION.

1. You have called to my attention the fact that transmissions from this station are causing interference to your TV reception.

2. Interference such as you describe is not caused by HAM radio operations, as Ham stations cannot and do not cause TV interference. Nor is the interference the result of any malfunction of my equipment or poor operating habits.

3. Be advised your government is placing a \$500 per year tax on all TV receivers. Because it is difficult at this late date to obtain a listing of TV set owners for taxation purposes, your government has established a vast network of TV jamming installations with the hope that TV set owners will make themselves known so their names can be added to the tax rolls. This station is just such an installation.

4. Your government greatly appreciates your turning yourself in. You will be one of the first taxed. You have also verified that this jamming equipment is functioning properly.

5. We have also made a note of the time and channel you reported this jamming. This information will be given to several TV program rating surveys.

6. You have therefore provided a valuable service to the entertainment industry and to your government.

7. So that you will not be the only one taxed, please be patient as we continue our TV jamming operations.

OPERATOR
Office of TV Taxation.

TREASURY NOTES



Here's the way we planned it and the way it's happened so far:

	Budget	Actual
Membership Dues	\$3768.00	\$3806.00
Contributions to General Fund	-	\$ 332.00
JUG & Roster Advertisements	\$ 310.00	\$ 270.00
JUG Publishing	(\$2340.00)	(\$1779.09)
CQP	(\$ 500.00)	\$1233.50
Membership Awards	(\$ 600.00)	(\$ 31.39)
Visalia Hospitality	(\$ 200.00)	-
Christmas Banquet	-	(\$ 219.10)
Awards Banquet	-	(\$ 20.20)
Other Self-Funding Events	-	\$ 23.94
Contingency Fund	(\$ 200.00)	(\$ 88.38)

Total \$ 238.00 \$3527.28

+ Balance at Start of Fiscal year +\$2480.89

Current Account Balance (General Fund): \$6008.17

The nice lady trapped us on the way out the back door after the Awards Banquet, so we had to pay for dinner. But the Club did come out almost even on the affair, which is the way it should be. JUG expenses are right on plan. We have heard there are some big bills coming due for membership awards, wine glasses, etc. But the way I figure it, that \$6008.17 we still have, plus the \$1232.65 in the Repeater Fund, ought to be enough to fund a pair of rotatable towers at ZF8gate B4 the Club's attorneys can even get a hearing to petition for extradition. C.U.L.

Bruce Sawyer,
ex-AA6KX/nw-ZF8BS

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We welcome a new member into NCCC at the Awards Banquet, a very special one, one who we hope will start a trend. SHE is Tina, KD6MYG, daughter of Kim Robinson, KM6OH. She set a new record for Alpine County. How she did it is told by her Dad on page 4 of this issue.

Not only do we have this father-daughter team going forth to represent NCCC in CQP, we also have a grandfather-granddaughter team. Mac, W6BSY, and granddaughter, KC6QHA, also operate as a team. They were sitting next to Kim and Tina at the banquet, so we presume and hope they were discussing strategies to break a lot of records in the future. Any more like these out there? What about the OMs and YFs?

Of Special Note

Most awards presented at the banquets naturally are for operating achievements. Those for service always deserve some special mention as they represent a generous gift of time and know-how that makes our club go 'round as it were. Al Macnchen, AD6E is Big on that list, this year and many more. Read his citation for being elected "Contester of the Year". "Thank you, Al" from one and all.

There are others. Bruce Butler W6OSP, has been tending the vineyards of award wines to many years, donating all of those very special wines to the awards' prizes. He does this very quietly, but the club hereby gives a very loud "Thanks, Bruce." You might have heard too that Bruce has become the scorge of 80 and 160, challenging the traditional Big Guns. When I was visiting W6EEN in Bermuda Dunes during the 160 M contest, I heard W6OSP pounding in very loud.

Also club thanks to Ed, W0YK, for managing the award plaques. And to Jim, WA6SDM, who designed and printed the wine bottle labels by computer and all the individual multi-colored certificates.

New Posts

The JUG exchanges newsletters with about 20 other contest and DX clubs around the US of A plus a half dozen writers from various publications. This provides very interesting material which we read every month but haven't the time to condense, for for use in the JUG. So, herewith we'd like to ask for some volunteers: Bob TV, Technical Reporter, for the above-mentioned, plus a couple of reporters (call us, anytime for assignment) to fill our pages with late technical developments which could improve contesting.

The All-Important Beacon

The W6WX/B beacon station is relocated now atop Mt. QHS, aka Mt. Umunum, about a half mile south of W6QHS. It is at the site of group W6YCZ, directed by Lance Ginner, K6GSJ, (You may know him as Dr Fire at Visalia last year.) You are all aware of the one minute power-stepping dash format. (100w - 10w - 1w - 0.1w) Transmission lasts one minute, then flips to 21.150 for a 10 second transmission, and immediately thereafter to 28.200 of another 10 second transmission. Thanks to K6LM, K6ILM KB6NAN and others who reported on two meters that the beacon was being heard throughout the Bay Area.

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